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PATENT CUSTOMER NO. 32425

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PHILIP C. COMP

Serial No.: 08/323,060

Filed: October 14, 1994

For: BLOCKADE OF PROTEIN C

ACTIVATION REDUCES

MICROVASCULAR SURGICAL BLOOD

LOSS

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: Ronald B. Schwadron

Atty. Dkt. No.: OMRF:038USC1/SLH

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the *Ex parte Quayle* action mailed February 22, 2006, to which a response is due on April 24, 2006 (since April 22, 2006 falls on a Saturday). Applicants respectfully submit this amendment to place the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

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